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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: A DNA MARKER FOR CATTLE GROWTH - by Herring, et al*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 47-page patent specification including 50 claims, an abstract, and a 3-page sequence listing. Also included are Figures 1-3 on three sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of William O. Herring, Chad S. Hale, and Gary S. Johnson for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

Applicants are entitled to small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

Please note that this application is filed <u>without</u> an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.
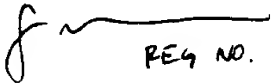
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